

May 18, 2005

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee  
Freeway Maintenance/Noise Mitigation Subcommittee

FROM: Councilmember Peggy Bilsten, Phoenix, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, May 25, 2005 - 3:30 p.m.  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Cholla Room  
302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee Freeway Maintenance/Noise Mitigation Subcommittee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Subcommittee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference, or by telephone conference call. Members who are not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their comments in writing, so that their view would always be a part of the process.

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If you have any questions, please contact Tom Remes, MAG Senior Policy Planner, at (602) 254-6300.

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE  
FREEWAY MAINTENANCE/NOISE MITIGATION SUBCOMMITTEE  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
May 25, 2005**

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Call to the Audience</u>  An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Policy Committee Freeway Maintenance/Noise Mitigation Subcommittee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Subcommittee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.	2. Information.
3. <u>Update on the Role of the Freeway Maintenance/Noise Mitigation Subcommittee</u>  At the April 27, 2005 TPC Freeway Maintenance/Noise Mitigation Subcommittee meeting, additional questions were raised about the role of the subcommittee. Members requested that staff report back on: The scope of use of the \$279 million for freeway maintenance; the scope of use of the \$75 million for freeway noise mitigation; and MAG's legal authority over the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) funds. Supporting material will be provided in a separate mailing.	3. Information, discussion and possible action.
4. <u>Litter Prevention and Education Campaign Request for Proposals</u>  At the April 27, 2005 TPC Freeway Maintenance/Noise Mitigation Subcommittee meeting, there was consensus to create a Request for Proposal (RFP) wherein RTP funds would be allocated for a litter prevention and education campaign. The	4. Information, discussion and possible action.

subcommittee requested that staff return with a scope of work and objective for consideration.

It was noted that the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) currently has developed a draft RFP with funding in the range of \$100,000 to \$150,000 for a targeted campaign in Maricopa County on litter prevention and education. It was discussed whether there should be two programs for the region or whether one program should be cooperatively developed between ADOT and MAG. Staff suggested that with ADOT's cooperation, the state funds could be combined into the ADOT-MAG contract and a regional RFP could be cooperatively developed and issued through MAG.

5. Accountability of the RTP Freeway Maintenance/Noise Mitigation Funds

At the April 27, 2005 TPC Freeway Maintenance/Noise Mitigation Subcommittee meeting, a presentation by ADOT was given on freeway maintenance and its funding. It was explained that ADOT will set up separate accounts for RTP funds, and that these funds would be protected by a financial firewall to ensure that the funds are not moved into other areas. The accounts will be specific to maintenance activities and locations. Additionally, there will be accountability through the life cycle process, required performance audits, and the annual report prepared by MAG.

To ensure that current state funds that are used in the region are not decreased and replaced with new RTP funds, there needs to be a clear review of how much has been spent on regional maintenance in the past five years. Following the last subcommittee meeting, ADOT has indicated that a more detailed accounting of the funds can be provided to the subcommittee. A report of this information is being developed by ADOT.

6. Information Needed for Next Meeting

Subcommittee members will be requested to advise staff regarding information that may be needed for the next meeting.

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